

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Confirmation No. 4921

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Application No. 09/840,872

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Title: INTRATHECAL ADMINISTRATION OF RITUXIMAB FOR TREATMENT OF  
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM LYMPHOMAS

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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Sir:

This is in response to the official action [final rejection] mailed April 10, 2006, and the advisory action mailed August 23, 2006. A request for continued examination is hereby made, along with a petition for a two-month extension of time. It is requested that the response and Information Disclosure Statement filed July 10, 2006, be entered and considered. A supplemental amendment and expert's declaration will follow shortly. Payment of the requisite fees is authorized by the fee transmittal also submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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